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For: **SUBSTRATE PROCESSING SYSTEM AND
SUBSTRATE PROCESSING METHOD**

Art Unit: 1763

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated February 15, 2005, for which a response is due on March 15, 2005.

Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group I (Claims 1-10). Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file divisional applications directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

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